

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

This limiting of the public's ability to copy broadcast for personal use, to protect the broadcast industry, is similar to refusing to let personal recorders be sold in this country for the same reason. It is a flagerant violation of the public trust. The airways belong to the public. If the broadcast industry doesn't want anything copied, don't broadcast it. We already have laws to punish violaters. Just enforce the already adequate laws.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes, if you can't record it on present equipment, you will have to buy new equipment. This is just a subsidy by the government of the recorder manufacturers, at the public's expense.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes, depending on the market share available, new development would be limited due to prospective buyers.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It will become more expensive.

Other Comments:

It would be nice if the government would put the public first and let the broadcasters look out for themselves. Their losses can not be prohibitive, they are still putting out product and making vast profits, even though they complain about the losses.